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88, Bornet and Flahault; 1900, Hirn; and 1892-93, Gomont); and for mosses (1801-30, Hedwig).

### NEWS ITEMS

The death of Samuel Bowdlear Green, dean of the school of forestry and the University of Minnesota, has recently been announced.

E. Dwight Sanderson, of the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station, has been made dean of the College of Agriculture, West Virginia University.

Professor Edward W. Berry, associate professor in paleobotany at Johns Hopkins University, has recently been appointed geologist on the United States Geological Survey.

Arthur W. Merrill, of the Baron de Hirsch School, has been made director of the secondary school of agriculture to open in Vermont at Lyndon Institute, Lyndon, Vermont. A two-year course in scientific agriculture, planned to prepare young men for "successful farming under Vermont conditions" is offered to residents of the state. The school has been made possible through a gift by Theodore N. Vail; and two methods of paying expenses—by cash or by work—are offered the students.

The fall lectures at the New York Botanical Gardens are to be given at four on Saturdays, as usual. The program includes: Orchids, Wild and Cultivated, by Mr. G. V. Nash, September 17; The Botanical Gardens of Europe, by Dr. W. A. Merrill, September 24; Some Floral and Scenic Features of Jamaica, by Dr. M. A. Howe, October 1; Carnivorous Plants, by Professor H. M. Richards, October 8; Autumn Flowers, by Dr. N. L. Britton, October 15; Plant Diseases and their Control, by Mr. F. J. Seaver, October 22; Explorations in Santo Domingo, by Mr. N. Taylor, October 29; The Flora of Switzerland, by Professor E. L. Burgess, November 5; Some Economic Plants of Mexico, by Professor H. H. Rusby, November 12; and Cuba, Its Flora and Plant Products, by Dr. N. L. Britton, November 19.